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IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claim follows.

1. (currently amended) A system for saving settings of an audiovisual system, comprising:
 - a first audiovisual device comprising a setting; and
 - a second audiovisual device communicatively coupled to said first audiovisual device; wherein said second audiovisual device is configured to retrieve said setting from said first audiovisual device and save said setting of said first audiovisual device upon a save event; wherein said save event includes a shutdown of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device; and wherein said second audiovisual device automatically saves said setting upon said shutdown.
2. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a remote control device configured to communicate said save event to said second audiovisual device.
3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein said save event includes an actuation of a control on said remote control device.
4. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein said actuation includes actuating a button for a predetermined amount of time.

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5. (original) The system of claim 4, wherein a selected channel of audiovisual programming is saved upon said actuation.

6-7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said second audiovisual device is configured to restore said setting of said first audiovisual device upon a restore event.

9. (original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a remote control device configured to communicate said restore event to said second audiovisual device.

10. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein said restore event includes an actuation of a control on same said remote control device.

11. (original) The system of claim 10, wherein a saved channel of audiovisual programming is restored upon said actuation.

12. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein said restore event includes a power-up of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

13. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said second audiovisual device is a television set.

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14. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said second audiovisual device is a set-top box.

15. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said first audiovisual device is one of a digital video recorder and a digital video player.

16. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device are communicatively coupled by an IEEE 1394 pathway.

17. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said setting includes a selected input channel associated with said first audiovisual device.

18. (currently amended) An audiovisual host device, comprising:
an interface for communicatively coupling to an audiovisual device, wherein said audiovisual device includes a setting;
a computer-readable medium; and
a processor communicatively coupled to said interface and said computer-readable medium;

wherein said processor is configured to:
receive said setting from said interface upon a save event;
store said setting to said computer-readable medium upon said save event;
recall said setting from said computer-readable medium upon a restore event;
and

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communicate said recalled setting to said interface upon said restore event, wherein said recalled setting is configured to be restored to said audiovisual device
wherein said save event includes a shutdown of at least one of said host device and said audiovisual device; and
wherein said processor automatically saves said setting upon said shutdown.

19. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, wherein said audiovisual host device is a television set.

20. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, wherein said audiovisual host device is a set-top box.

21. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, wherein said save event includes an actuation of a control on a remote control device.

22. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 21, wherein said actuation includes actuating a button for a predetermined amount of time.

23. (original) The audiovisual host device of claims 22, wherein a selected channel of audiovisual programming is saved upon said actuation.

24. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, wherein said restore event includes an actuation of a control associated with a remote control device.

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25. (original) The audiovisual host device of claims 24, wherein a saved channel of audiovisual programming is restored upon said actuation.

26. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, further comprising a remote control (RC) interface communicatively coupled to said processor, wherein said RC interface is configured to receive a signal representative of said save event or said restore event from a remote control device.

27-28. (cancelled)

29. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, wherein said restore event includes a power-up of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

30. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, further comprising a control communicatively coupled to said processor, wherein at least one of said save event and said restore event includes an actuation of said control.

31. (original) The audiovisual host device of claim 18, further comprising a programming interface configured to receive an audiovisual programming signal from a source.

32. (currently amended) A method for retaining settings of an audiovisual system, comprising:

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obtaining a setting from a first audiovisual device, wherein said first audiovisual device is communicatively coupled to a second audiovisual device; and storing said setting to said second audiovisual device upon a save event; wherein said save event comprises actuating a control button for a predetermined period of time.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 32, wherein said save event includes an actuation of [[a]] said control button on a remote control device.

34-35. (cancelled)

36. (original) The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving a signal representative of said save event from a remote control device, wherein said remote control device is configured to communicate said save event to said second audiovisual device.

37. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein said save event includes a shutdown of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

38. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein said second audiovisual device automatically saves said setting upon said shutdown.

39. (original) The method of claim 32, further comprising: recalling said setting from said second audiovisual device upon a restore event; and restoring said recalled setting to said first audiovisual device upon said restore event.

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40. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein said restore event includes an actuation of a control on said remote control device.

41. (original) The method of claim 40, wherein a saved channel of audiovisual programming is restored upon said actuation.

42. (original) The method of claim 39, further comprising receiving a signal representative of said restore event from a remote control device, wherein said remote control device is configured to communicate said restore event to said second audiovisual device.

43. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein said restore event includes a power-up of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

44. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein said second audiovisual device is a television set.

45. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein said second audiovisual device is a set-top box.

46. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein said first audiovisual device is one of a digital video recorder and a digital video player.

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47. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein said first audiovisual device is communicatively coupled to said second audiovisual device by an IEEE 1394 pathway.

48. (currently amended) Processor-readable instructions stored on a processor-readable medium, such that said instructions, when executed, cause a processor to:

obtain a setting from a first audiovisual device, wherein said first audiovisual device is communicatively coupled to a second audiovisual device; and

store said setting to said second audiovisual device upon a save event;

wherein said save event comprises actuating a control button for a predetermined period of time.

49. (currently amended) The processor-readable instructions of claim 48, wherein said save event includes an actuation of [[a]] said control button on a remote control device.

50-51. (cancelled)

52. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 48, further comprising receiving a signal representative of said save event from a remote control device, wherein said remote control device is configured to communicate said signal to said second audiovisual device.

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53. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 48, wherein said save event includes a shutdown of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

54. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 53, wherein said second audiovisual device automatically saves said setting upon said shutdown.

55. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 48, wherein said processor-readable instructions further cause said processor to:
recall said setting from said second audiovisual device upon a restore event; and
restore said recalled setting to said first audiovisual device upon said restore event.

56. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 55, wherein said restore event includes an actuation of a control on a remote control device.

57. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 56, wherein a saved channel of audiovisual programming is restored upon said actuation.

58. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 55, further comprising receiving a signal representative of said restore event from a remote control device, wherein said remote control device is configured to communicate said signal to said second audiovisual device.

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59. (original) The processor-readable instructions of claim 55, wherein said restore event includes a power-up of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device.

60. (currently amended) A system for controlling the settings of an audiovisual system, comprising:

means for communicatively coupling a first audiovisual device to a second audiovisual device;

means for obtaining a setting from said first audiovisual device; and

means for storing said setting to said second audiovisual device upon a save event;

wherein said save event includes a shutdown of at least one of said first audiovisual device and said second audiovisual device; and

wherein said second audiovisual device automatically saves said setting upon said shutdown.

61-64. (cancelled)

65. (new) The method of claim 32, further comprising restoring said setting to said first audiovisual device upon a subsequent actuation of said same control button.